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Title: DOCK LEVELERS

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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action date the 14th of January, 2003, the Applicants wish to elect the species of Figures 1 through 7. Each of claims 1 through 23 read onto the elected species.

The Applicants wish to amend the application in the following manner.

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IN THE DISCLOSURE

At page 4, line 24, delete "cable" and insert "tensile member 128 comprising a spring and length of chain."

At page 4, line 25, delete "cable" and replace with "tensile member."

IN THE DRAWINGS

Amend Figures 2, 3, 4, 8 and 9 in the manner indicated in red in the accompanying drawings. Upon approval of the amendments by the Examiner and an indication of allowable subject matter, formal drawings incorporating such amendments will be forwarded to the Office.